

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tsuyoshi KUBOTA et al.	Art Unit: 2167
Application No.: 10/743,458	
Confirmation No.: 8146	Examiner: C. Kim
Filing or 371(c) Date: December 23, 2003	
Title: SPLIT TYPE CONNECTING ROD	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2007 and further to the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Decision dated November 2, 2007, the period for response to which has been extended to January 2, 2008, by the accompanying Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page **2** of this paper. No amendments have been made to the Claims.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **6** of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.